Doctors and Interns in Government Medical Colleges/Institutes had gone on strike in May, 2006, in protest against the proposed reservation for OBCs in Government Educational Institutions. Emergency and indoor medical services as also OPD services continued to be available as the Faculty/Senior Doctors were not on strike. Medical Officers frm GCHS, ESI & Railways were deployed at Central Govt. Hospitals to man the OPDs. Negotiations were held with the striking doctors at various levels of Government but were inconclusive. On the directions of Supreme Court, the Resident Doctors/Intern called off their strike and resume duties around 3rd June, 2006. There are no reports of any patient dying because of non-treatment/non-attendance during the period of strike.

Problems faced by foreign medical degree holders for registration

†1264. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that serveral such doctors who have foreign medical degrees ae facing difficulties in earning their livelihood due to pendency of several cases with Medical Council of India pertaining to their registration;

(b) if so, the details of such cases and there reasons for their non-registration; and

(c) the details of action taken/to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Compliance of standards in Yoga and Ayurvedic Medicines

†1265. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any rule for compliance of standards in Yoga and manufacturing of Ayurvedic and Unani medicines;

(b) whether these rules are being complied with; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.